
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Care Planning, Placement and Case
Review (England) Regulations 2010

PART 8

Independent reviewing officers and independent visitors

Qualifications and experience of independent reviewing officers

46.—(1) The IRO must be registered as a social worker in a register maintained by the General Social Care Council or by the Care Council for Wales under section 56 of the Care Standards Act 2000⁽¹⁾, or in a corresponding register maintained under the law of Scotland or Northern Ireland.

(2) The IRO must have sufficient relevant social work experience with children and families to perform the functions of an independent reviewing officer set out in section 25B(1) and under these Regulations in an independent manner and having regard to C's best interests.

(3) The responsible authority must not appoint any of the following as the IRO—

- (a) a person involved in preparing C's care plan or the management of C's case,
- (b) R,
- (c) C's personal adviser,
- (d) a person with management responsibilities in relation to a person mentioned in subparagraphs (a) to (c), or
- (e) a person with control over the resources allocated to the case.